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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 188, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
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SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SATIE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINRICH & Co., Manila.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....\$500,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—The Hon. W. KENWICK.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 14, 1880.

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th of 1854 March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 20TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENTS AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURDON, SAN FRANCISCO,
Marseille, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LIVERPOOL, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
NANKEEN, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW,

LONDON BANKERS;
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMENT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1870.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' Notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Managing Director.

British Bank Corporation.

Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1870.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$300,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong

grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Hongkong, March 13, 1880. apl3

New CHIT BOOKS and REPP STATIONERY.

The Grosvenor NOTE PAPER.

Cheap NOTE PAPER & ENVELOPES.

The Kaiser-L-Hind CIGARETTES.

THOMPSON'S GARDENER'S ASSISTANT.

BRETON VOLLES, Illustrated by CALDWELL.

JOHNSON'S CHEMISTRY of COMMON LIFE.

SMILES' GEORGE MOORE.

NICHOLSON'S MANUAL of ZOOLOGY.

BAIRD.—THE HUGENOTS in FRANCE.

HUXLEY'S CRAY FISH.

KIPPING'S TAIFUNS in CHINA and JAPAN SEAS.

HALF HOURS with MICROSCOPE.

Cabinet and Carte PHOTOGRAPHS of Noted Characters.

Hongkong, March 9, 1880. ma23

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAIGNE.

Quarts.....\$16 per doz. Case.

Pints.....\$17 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the absence of Mr. W. H. RAY from the Colony, Mr. E. G. GOLDSMITH has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

H. H. NELSON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880. ma21

NOTICE.

We Have This Day authorized Mr.

CARL VON PUSTAU to Sign our

Firm by Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, February 25, 1880. ma25

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES T. HIRST was Ad-

mitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st January, A.C.

HERSE & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1880. apl

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY CRAWFORD will Sign

our Name per Procuration from this Date.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1880. ap4

NOTICE.

M. N. C. STEVENS is hereby autho-

rized to Sign our Name by Procur-

ation at AMY, the Power held by Mr.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, February 9, 1880. my11

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

Mr. LEONARD STAHL in our

Firm taken on the 1st December last.

Mr. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to

Show our Firm per Procuration.

HERSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

Agents to the NEW YORK BOARD

OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1870. ma20

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Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1870. ma20

NOTICE.

A BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO, by

BROADWOOD, in good condition.

For Particulars, apply to

X. Q. O. SCOTT,

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Hongkong, May 31, 1870.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have al-

ways on Hand a Stock of Messrs

JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS' PIANOFORTES

in various Styles for SALE, on Hire, or

by a system Combining Hire with purchase by

which part of the Purchase Money is paid at

once, and the Balance by monthly in-

stalments extending over three years.

Mr DOUGLAS DALZI

has practical experience

as a PIANO TUNER and REPAIRER

having passed through JOHN BROADWOOD'S

FACTORIES—and any Work entrusted to

him will be carefully and efficiently per-

formed.

Inspection of PIANOS in Stock is in-

vited.

Hongkong, March 13, 1880. apl3

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE JUST LANDED
A INVOICE OF JOSEPH RODGERS &
A Sons' BEST CUTLERY.
Comprising:
Table Knives.
Meat Carvers.
Penknives.
Office and Ladies' Scissors.
Dresser Knives.
Fowl Carvers.
Razors.
Sc., &c.
CHURCH HARMONIUM, Double Key
Board, 22 Stops—Price moderate;

LATEST NOVELTIES AND OFFICE
REQUISITES.

Gillot's Steel Pens, Mitchell's Steel
Pens, Ink Bottles in great variety,
Stationery Cases, Date Books, Port-
cabin Slates, Clips, Copying Presses,
Copying Brushes and Water Wells,
Pen Racks, Glass Pen Trays, Paper
Weights, Perry's Alliumine Gold
Pencil Cases in variety, Memo Tablets,
Blotting Paper, Butterly Paper Weights,
Morley's Law-Pens, Indian Rubber
Band, Oleograph Blotting Pads,
Lead Pencils, Leads, Ink Erasers,
Cloud Rubber, Blue and Red Pencils,
Penholders, Underwoods Copying and
Writing Ink, Animal Paper Weights
and Penwipers, Combined Memo
Tablet and Paper Weight, Stockwell's
Patent Cigar Lighters, Paper Binders,
Metallic Tapes.

An Invoice of BUILDERS' HARDWARE
including Door Locks, Padlocks,
Brass and Iron Bolts,
MINIATURE PLATED PADLOCKS,
CUPBOARD LOCKS,
TILL LOCKS, and PADLOCKS.

NEW BOOKS,
INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING.
Hawell's "Explorer's Pocket Book,"
Ryder's "Engineer's Pocket Book,"
Habits of Good Society,"
"Habits of Horse Management,"
"Advice to a Mother,"
"Advice to a Wife,"
"Philby's Botany,"
Macaulay's "History of England,"
Do. "Critical and Historical
Essays,"
Do. "Writings and Speeches,"
"Our Inheritance in the Great
Pyramids,"
"Voyage of the Challenger,"
Boston's "All about Gardening,"
Haydn's "Dictionary of Science,"
"Cabinet Lawyer,"
Mauder's "Treasury of Knowledge,"
Do. "Treasury of Geography,"
Cassell's "Popular Educator,"
"Weekly Welcome,"
Ollendorff's METHOD for Learning
a Language in Six Months, adapted
to the

FRENCH, SPANISH,
GERMAN,
Log Books, School Books.
Folding Maps on Linen,
4,000 Tauchnitz Volumes.

CHEAP EDITIONS
OF POPULAR WORKS FROM 25 CENTS,
"An Eye for an Eye."
"Moy O'Brien."
"Orange Lily."
"Elothen."
"Rare Pale Margaret."
"Within Sound of the Sea."
"Impressions of Thophrastus Schub."
"Light and Shade."
"The Zulus and the British Frontiers."
"Badison."
"Fate & Dream's Sake."
"John Halifax, Gentleman."
"The Afghan's Knife."
"Paul Knoe Pitsman."
"John Coddington."
"Christian and Moors of Spain."
"The Life of the Right Honourable Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield."
"My Heart in the Highlands."
"Auld Lang Syne."
"The Life of Charles Lever."
"Jazz Eyre."
"The Last Days of Pompeii."
"Time shall Try."
"Honor's Worth."
"Christina Brownlee's Ordeal."
"Keveraldo."
"Maled of Dace."
"Beverholme."
"The History of a Crime."
"A Beautiful Woman."
"The Loveliest."

"The Bachelor Reputation,"
"Bona Lovers."
"The Last of Her Time."
"The People of Turkey."
"All or Nothing."
"Within the Precincts."
"The Grahams of Invermoy."
"The Bachelor of the Albany."
"Love Crosses."
"The House of Ty."
"The Green Hand."
"Quaker Cousins."
"Journal of the Plague in London,"
etc., &c.

FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL
The following STORES, in Excellent
Condition:—
Fresh Roll BUTTER.
Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.
Do. Do. Do. in Bottles.
Dried Sliced APPLES.
Boneless CODFISH.
George Bank DO.
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.
Mild California DO.
Smoked SALMON.
Family NEW BEER, in 25 lbs kegs.
Oregon Pickled OR TONGUES, very fine.
Family FORK, in 20 lbs kegs.
American HAMS.
Do. BACON.
ORNAMENTAL BOMBYN, CRACKED
WHEAT.
OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR.
CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.
TABLE FRUITS, BARTLETT PEARS, APRIL
GOTS, PEACHES.
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.
APLIC SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON,
OLAMS.
PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL
NUTS.
CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.
Meritt's Eastern CIDER.
WINELO's Celebrated GREEN CORN.
LIMA BEANS, SUCOATASH, SUGAR
PEAS.
CALIFORNIA CHOCOLATE CO.'s GINGER
CAKES.
MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OTTER BISCUITS.
WAFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.
AMERICAN SOFT FEATHER HATS.
Hongkong, February 23, 1880.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALQUINTA & SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship Compton, Capt. Cowie,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the
Undersigned for countersignature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

SLEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, March 12, 1880.

BRITISH BARK "PEEU" FROM
ANTWERP.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's
risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1880.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

M G No. 904,925, Mr. d'Arcege, 2 cases
Tobacco, from Marcellis.

Fx Djenné.

V M C (in da) Order, 95 bags Ginger,
from Galie.

Order, 37 packages Old
Metal.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agents,
Hongkong, March 12, 1880.

INSURANCES.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879.

3½d.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE
COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at
Current Rates. Considerable Reduction
in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1879.

2½d.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Ponang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:

R. ROBINSON, American ship, Captain
Smith—Vogel & Co.

CARMELITA & DA, German barque, Capt.
E. J. Kiesl—Melchers & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship
"Fenicio,"
Captain McEars, will be
despatched for the above
PORT TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 15, 1880.

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FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates
from ECFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
OHWANG, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTZE.)

The Steamship
"Glendale,"
Captain McEars, will be
despatched as above on
or about the 20th instant.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1880.

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FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
HIOGO.

The Steamship
"Math,"
JOHNSON, Commander
will load here for the
above Ports, and will have immediate de-
spatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1880.

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NOTICE.

M. R. GUSTAV HARDING has been
authorized to sign our Firm here
and at SHANGHAI from this Date.

EDWARD SCHILLHAASS & Co.

Hongkong, March 15, 1880.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark
"Perry,"

SMITH, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 15, 1880.

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FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship
"Perry,"

ADAMS, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 15, 1880.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 13, Tucia, French steamer, 1500,
de la Marolle, Yokohama March 7, Mails
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 14, Remera, British steamer, 35,
R. Talbot, Manila March 11, General.—
RUSSELL & Co.

March 14, Yotting, British steamer, 286,
D. McDonald, Swatow March 13, General.—
KWOX ACERONG.

March 14, China, German steamer, from
Canton.

March 14, France, French barque, from
Whampoa.

March 14, 8 p.m., Sarah Scott, British
barque, 61, Estall, Nagasaki March 5,
Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

M G No. 904,925, Mr. d'Arcege, 2 cases
Tobacco, from Marcellis.

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Order, 37 packages Old
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agents,

Hongkong, March 12, 1880.

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DEPARTURES.

March 14, Kwockung, for Coast Ports.

March 14, Cleveland, for Salson.

March 14, Kojanianchar, for Bangkok.

March 14, Deccan, for Amoy and Shanghai.

March 14, Kiungchow, for Hoishow,

March 14, Beaufort, for Saigon.

March 14, Olympia, for Saigon.

March 14, H.M.S. Iron Duke, for a cruise.

March 14, H.M.S. Sheldrake, for a cruise.

March 14, Emerald, for Amoy.

March 14, China, for Shanghai.

March 14, Diamond, for Manila.

March 14, Amoy, for Canton.

March 15, China, for Saigon.

March 15, 4 p.m., Amoy, British steamer, 286,
H. G. Drowes, Shanghai March 12, 1 a.m., General.—
SLEMSSEN & Co.

March 15, Bombay, British steamer, 740,
S. W. Goggin, Hollow March 14, General.—
KWOX ACHEONG.

March 15, 8 p.m., Sarah Scott, British
barque, 61, Estall, Nagasaki March 5,
Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The generic name for clerks in a public **governor**, whether metropolitan or provincial is **書吏**. After having served 5 years they receive a button of the second-class ninth rank and are called **司員**, from which status they may enter the service as commissioned officers. **metropolitan** **吏員** have the appellation of **供事**. Clerks serving a military commander are **書職**.

Besides the **陰生** mentioned by Mr. Mayers (more correctly **廢生**) there are a class called **官生**, who are entitled of right to the privileges of the **廢生** on the death of a father. The sons of deceased officers of both the 1st and 2nd class first rank become **官生**. Those of officers of the 1st class second rank become **員外郎**, and those of officers of the 2nd class second rank become **主事**. If the Emperor specially bestows the rank, (to which they are thus entitled by regulation), in his Imperial command on their fathers' death, such **官生** would *per se* become also **恩賜**. The **伍兵** is the lowest military and the **伍士** the lowest civil officer whose son is entitled of right to be **官生** on his father's decease whilst in active service. The younger sons must always be **官生** if anything at all, for they have no right in the matter. The privileges of **官生** are that he may compete for a provincial graduation in a special category in which there is one vacancy to every 15 competitors. If he does not choose to compete, he has anyhow entered the public service from the platform of **官生**.

Police Intelligence.
(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Monday, March 15.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Wong Akwal, a man pacer, was charged with being in an unlawful possession of three pieces of sporting on the 14th instant. Defendant said he found it resting on the ground, and as he thought it did not belong to him, he appropriated it himself. Three previous convicts stand recorded against defendant, two of them within the last two months.

Sentence, six months' imprisonment with hard labour, and to be exposed publicly for six hours in the stocks.

STRAGGLERS.
Roger Lyall, and Cornelius Haines, of the U. S. S. Richmond, were charged with being stragglers from their ship, and having admitted the charge were ordered to be sent on board to be dealt with by their officers.

A RAID ON GAMBLERS.
Li Asan, Loung Achui, and To Afuk, were charged with public gambling on the 14th instant.

Sergeant Hennessy said he entered the top floor of house No. 223 Queen's Road West by a trap door in the roof. The house had been entered five times during the months of January and February last under warrants, but as a careful watch had been kept, no conviction had yet resulted.

His Worship convicted the three defendants as rogue and vagabonds, being found in a house for an unlawful purpose, and sentenced them to twenty-one days' imprisonment each with hard labour.

THE SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce was held on the 8th instant.—Mr. F. B. Forbes in the chair. The following extract is from the report for the year:—

The Committee availed themselves of the visit of H. B. M.'s Minister to Shanghai, on his way to Peking, to request an interview with His Excellency, at which they discussed the questions of taxation, duties on Opium, the Foreign Comptroller, the establishment of a Mint, and of Banked warehouses, and the Administration of Justice in mixed cases. His Excellency, to the regret of the Committee, was not in a position to give definite information on any of the matters brought forward, and he could only assure the Committee that he would, with his utmost, do his utmost to bring about a satisfactory solution.

During the autumn, the representatives of Treaty Powers met in conference at Pekin, for the purpose of arriving at a common understanding on some of the more important issues with the Chinese Government, and the Committee thought it desirable to address a letter to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body, reiterating the views of the Chamber with reference to "Treaty Dues and internal taxation." No information has been received by the Committee, as to the result of the negotiations.

The Committee also had an interview with Mr. Bobb, Esq., the Inspector General of Customs, principally with the view of inducing him to urge the Chinese authorities to the necessity of taking measures for dredging the Woosung Bar and the conservation of the Whampoa. Mr. Hart did not encourage the Committee to hope that their wishes would be carried out; the principal objections being, apparently the want of funds to undertake the work, and uncertainty that the desired end would be accomplished even with a heavy expenditure.

Mr. Hart in the course of the interview suggested that the most likely way to prove to the Chinese Government the advisability of taking steps to prevent the further growth of obstructions to river navigation, would be for the community themselves to take action in the matter, when the issues were favourable the authorities might be induced to lend their assistance.

In the same year letters were received by the Committee regarding the actions of the Chinese in the want of waterworks. When asked what the Chinese Government intended to do, the Committee replied that great care should be taken to have the Fox judges. The Committee fully recognized the immediate necessity of dealing with the Chinese, which threatened every commercial interest of Shanghai, but they were unable to point to any treaty stipulation under which China could be held bound to prosecute the work, while on the other hand all past experience indicated that attempts to induce the Imperial Government to follow the example of western nations in such matters would probably be a mere waste of time. The most practical

if not the only, course therefore seemed to be to devise means by which the water approaches to Shanghai might be improved and maintained at the expense of the general public of the port.

Without going into detail as to the extent of the works required for river conservancy generally, the Committee were of opinion that a very small percentage levied on all goods passed by the Foreign Customs would suffice to keep the Woosung Bar channel open, and to effect the more necessary improvements in the harbour of Shanghai. They were also of opinion that the Municipal tax called "Wharfage Dues," the abolition of which was then being considered by the raters of the Foreign Settlement, had not been found sufficient in itself, a levy of River conservancy dues on the same basis of one-tenth per cent ad valorem would be open to less objection than any other plan that could be suggested.

The Committee took advantage of the interval between the departure before the finalization of the Municipality, to address the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body at Peking in order to ascertain whether, in the event of the abolition of wharfage dues, a proposal from the Merchants of Shanghai to reimpose a similar tax on the whole trade of the port, as "River Conservancy Dues" would be likely to meet with the support of the Ministers.

The correspondence has been for some time in the hands of the Chamber, and is reprinted with this Report. The Committee's scheme has been in the main approved by the Foreign Representatives at Peking, who desire, however, before laying the matter before their Governments, to have an expression of opinion from the Mercantile Community at large. The Consular Body, whom the Committee were requested by the Ministers to consult, have also expressed their approval, and the matter is now in the hands of the Chamber for further action. A resolution on the subject will be brought forward at the next meeting.

The proceedings in the Mixed Court last October in a suit brought by two British subjects, Messrs Duff and David, against the Association known as the Swatow Guild, brought to light the systematic way in which Treaty stipulations are evaded in the collection of Likin taxes on Opium. The Committee, though hampered like their predecessors by the difficulty of adducing documentary evidence, felt that the existence of privileged corporations in defiance of the Treaties had been sufficiently proved to warrant their addressing the Foreign Ministers at Peking on the subject. Their letter, and other documents bearing on the case, are printed with this Report.

The Telegraphic Conference of 1879, in which further restrictions on the use of code words, and cipher in telegrams, which promise to cause much unnecessary expense and trouble, the Mercantile Committee, the Committee have addressed Lord John Manners, H. B. M. Post Master General, on the subject; but as his Lordship has publicly stated his unwillingness to interfere in the matter, it was thought advisable to forward the letter through the London Committee of the Chamber, giving them discretionary power to forward it, or to take such other steps as should indicate the views of the Chamber.

The Committee have also laid before H. M. B. Minister at Peking a letter from the British Members of the Chamber with regard to the extension to Shanghai of the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Act, and have commended the matter to His Excellency's favourable consideration. The Committee have been given to understand that an application is also to be made to the Government of the United States for the legalization of Public Companies in China.

At their interview with H. M. B. Minister, the Committee brought up the project of a Chinese Mint, but His Excellency did not hold out any hope that the Chinese Authorities would move in the matter. A large amount of information respecting the cost, arrangement, and expense of working, has however been collected, printed, and placed in the hands of the representatives of Treaty Powers to aid in further discussion of the subject.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Layard, was passed:—

"That, as the present condition of the Woosung Bar and of the river approaches to Shanghai gravely impairs the trade of this port, and as the Chinese Government has, for many years, persistently refused to apply existing restraints to the removal of obstructions to navigation, this Chamber considers it expedient to recommend the imposition of dues at the rate of 1/10 per cent ad valorem on all goods passed through the Foreign Custom House at Shanghai, provided that such dues shall be expended for the conservancy of the River, under control of a Foreign Board. That a memorandum on the subject to the Foreign Ministers at Peking be drafted by the Committee and submitted for discussion at a meeting of the Mercantile Community of Shanghai."

Japan.
(Gazette.)

It is said that in consequence of the recent police affairs in Osaka, the government of that city, and the director of the branch office of the police, have resigned.

Rumours continue to arrive of the re-opening of cholera in various districts, in consequence of which quarantine hospitals have again been opened.

It is said that Prince Arisugawa is exceedingly unwilling to accept the post of Sada-jin; while his Majesty the Mikado is equally solicitous that he should do so.

Shimaden Hisamatsu, formerly Saburo, has been for some time past engaged in mining at Yonaka, and being now desirous of extending his operations, he has applied for a government loan of 500,000 yen.

Korea.
(News.)

The Kioto Shimbun says that the Oita tunnel is nearly finished, and that the station and wharf at the lake will be completed in few days. The men are working night and day.

Some speculators say the Japak Seimeki are making capital out of the aerolite which fell on the 16th instant, covering its appearance in bad coin, and the price of rice has advanced 40 sen per koku at the rice market of Dōjima.

SHANGHAI.
(N. O. D. News.)

H. E. Mr. Ferguson, the

Netherlands Minister, visited the Mission

School in connection with the American

Episcopal Church at Hongkew yesterday afternoon (10th). He had caused a trial

to be provided for the children, and a

half dozen of them were tried.

Those which performed well were given

good things. A sumptuous sup-

per to the children was afterwards dis-

cussed with learned energy. Several ladies and

gentlemen of a numerous party of foreign

children were present, and appeared much interested in the proceedings.

DESTRUCTION
OF AN AMERICAN SHIP LADEN
WITH KEROSINE AT KOBE.

The *Hugo* gives the following particulars of the destruction by fire of the American ship *St. Charles*, in Kobe harbour on the 1st instant.

"The ship *St. Charles*, of New York, loaded with kerosine, took fire on the morning of the 1st March and burnt to the water's edge. The ship arrived in the bay on Friday afternoon, but on account of strong winds she was taken to pieces in a plot against the State. From Yunnan we hear of a revolution, in the Eastern part of that province; the leader of the Rebel party is said to be a Taoist Priest, who pretends to be a re-appearance of the famous Kung-fu-ming, i.e., Chu-ko Liang, of the three kingdoms, and the men are pretty quiet in spite of the revolutionary scare, of last November, when several persons were cut to pieces in a plot against the State. 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For further particulars apply at the
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G. de CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, March 4, 1880.

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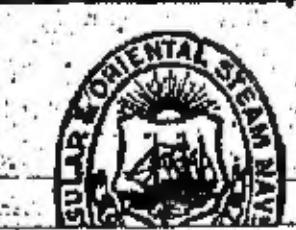
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